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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES BY BANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the specific community development as well as welfare programmes, if any, taken-up by nationalised banks in their operational area as a part of their social obligation;

(b) whether the Nationalized /rural Banks are implementing any scheme for training for self-employment of youths, fanners as well as women in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of training centers being set up, bank-wise and location-wise?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE) (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a): The Scheduled Commercial Banks including nationalized banks are implementing the Central Government Credit Subsidy linked schemes viz. a holistic rural poverty allevation programme (Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana), an urban poverty alleviation programme (Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana), an employment generation scheme for specific segment (Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers) and a self employment programme for educated un- employed youth within the age group of 18 to 35 years (Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana) through their branches in all states.

(b), (c) & (d): The banks have been advised to set up training institutes on the lines of Rural Development & Self Employment Training Institutes (RUDSETIs) jointly with State Governments by utilizing existing infrastructures of ITIs and Small Industries Service Institutes. Reserve Bank of India has reported that they do not collate information regarding number of training centers set up by the banks for training for self-employed. However, information available with RBI shows that Syndicate Bank in association with Canara Bank and Sri Dharamasthala Manjunatheswara Education (SDME) Trust has set up 20 RUDSETIs in 12 states so far. They have set up a Central Secretariat ofRUDSETI at Ujire through which they have extended guidance to several banks in both public and private sector, viz. Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank, UCO Bank, Andhra Bank, Vijaya Bank, State Bank of Saurashtra and officials from the state governments of Gujarat, Chattisgarh and also certain NGOs in setting up training institutes on the lines ofRUDSETI.